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1. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 28 May 1951, eight jet aircraft were parked in a single row on the southern edge of Grossenhain airfield. [redacted] The aircraft had white-bordered Soviet stars and red upper edges on their rudder assemblies. [redacted] The southernmost plane of this group was being refueled at 1 p.m. A tank truck, of the group of motor vehicles parked behind the aircraft, moved to the plane from the left rear. Three soldiers placed two small metal ladders on the fuselage one forward of and the other behind the wing. One of the soldiers sat in the cockpit while the planes were being refueled. Another soldier mounted the rear ladder and put the hose into an aperture at about the middle of the fuselage, just behind the wing. Refueling took exactly three and a half minutes.
2. Another plane of the same type was parked north of the aircraft. No national insignia or other markings were seen on the plane. Eight Soviets, six of whom were officers were seen nearby. Five additional aircraft of the same type were parked in front of a hangar. There was no flying during the time of observation. The sky was overcast.
3. No railroad cars were seen on the spur track. Nine large and 14 small wooden boxes, all closed, were on the loading ramp. The large boxes, each with a capacity of about 15 tons, were about the size of a boxcar. Some of the small boxes had a small box-like superstructure. Three of the large boxes were covered with strong black cardboard. [redacted] the boxes had arrived about one week ago. ** There was intensive traffic with motor vehicles including trucks [redacted] and passenger cars [redacted]

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** Comment. [redacted] four boxcars and 11 flatcars with jet aircraft [redacted] arrived in Grossenhain. Therefore, the presence of the crates is credible.

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